



February 8, 2018

Via ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: NOTICE OF EX PARTE, WT Docket Nos. 17-79, 13-111 and 02-55

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday February 6, 2018, Marcelo Claure, CEO, along with Vonya McCann, Senior Vice President -- Government Affairs and James B. Goldstein, Senior Counsel for Sprint Corporation ("Sprint") met with Chairman Ajit Pai, Rachel Bender, Wireless and International Advisor to Chairman Pai and Zenji Nakazawa, Public Safety and Consumer Protection Advisor to Chairman Pai to discuss eliminating barriers to Sprint's 4G and 5G deployments, 800 MHz rebanding along the U.S. – Mexico border and contraband wireless devices in prisons.

Sprint addressed the barriers that face Sprint and the wireless industry in our efforts to deploy 4G and 5G services and that the Commission should quickly address the regulatory obstacles that make the densification of wireless networks so difficult. Sprint noted the significant costs and delays Sprint faces in deployment of both macro cells and small cells that are essential to providing more coverage and capacity to America's mobile broadband customers. For example, Sprint noted that it had recently received tribal review fee demands totaling \$90,000 to review antenna modifications at six sites in Chicago.

Sprint thanked the Chairman on the Commission's ongoing efforts to complete the 800 MHz band reconfiguration initiative along the U.S. – Mexico Border and stressed the need for continued Commission involvement with its counterparts in Mexico to bring this critical project to conclusion as rapidly as possible.

Sprint also discussed the issue of contraband wireless devices in prisons and possible solutions. Sprint noted that it would be a participant the following day in a stakeholder meeting convened by the Chairman to address the serious threats posed by the use of contraband wireless devices in correctional facilities nationwide.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, Sprint hereby files this *ex parte* letter into the dockets of the above-referenced proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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